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PAPER ANNOUNCES TWENTY PERSONS EXECUTED

1. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA OF AUGUST 3 CARRIED PMAC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TWENTY MEN WERE EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD SATURDAY FOR DISRUPTING ETHIOPIAN POPULAR MOVEMENT.

2. THOSE EXECUTED (WITH OFFENSES) FOR WHICH THEY WERE CHARGED) WERE:

A. DEJ. YILMA BESHIE - A FORMER LANDOWNER IN NORTHEASTERN SHOA, HE OPPOSED THE LAND REFORM PROCLAMATION, DISSEMINATED FALSE RUMORS AMONG THE PEASANTS, AND KILLED THREE SECURITY OFFICERS WHO ATTEMPTED TO ARREST HIM. (HIS TWO BROTHERS, WHO ALSO OPPOSED THE GOVERNMENT, WERE EXECUTED PREVIOUSLY. HIS ARREST WAS REPORTED IN ADDIS 7566.)

B. GRAZ. KASSAYE BEKELE AND MAKURIA ZELEKE - EASTERN SHOA LAND-OWNERS WHO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASRAT GETANEH (STILL AT LARGE), OPPOSED THE CURRENT POPULAR MOVEMENT. (ARRESTS REPORTED IN ADDIS 7740.)

C. CAPTAIN BASHE W/MARIAM TAYE AND ZEWDIE H/MARIAM - KILLED

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TWO (NAMED) SOLDIERS IN EASTERN SHOA DISSIDENT MOVEMENT LED BY

(EXECUTED) BG TEFERRA IHEYES (SEE 8172).

D. SOLOMON WADA - FORMER LAND REFORM AGENT IN SIDAMO PROVINCE WHO DISSEMINATED FALSE RUMORS AND ATTEMPTED TO DISRUPT LAW AND ORDER IN SIDAMO PROVINCE. HE ALSO EMBEZZLED \$976,879.35.

E. ABABU AMBAW - ALONG WITH DEJ. BERHANE-MESKAL DESTA, WHO IS STILL AT LARGE, BURNED A POLICE STATION, POST OFFICE BUILDING, TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUILDING AND A DC-3 IN LAST AWRAJA (LALIBELA), AND KILLED ONE EAL EMPLOYEE (CF. ADDIS 3074 AND FOLLOWING).

F. MAKASHA H/MARIAM - AN EX-SOLDIER RECENTLY SACKED FROM THE ARMY, HE DISSEMINATED FALSE RUMORS WHICH CAUSED BLOODSHED.

G. CPL. TEREFFA G/MARIAM - FOR SELLING WEAPONS FOR PERSONAL PROFIT.

H. PVTS. TEFAYE HAILE, GEBAYEHU HUSSEIN, TEFAYE TADESSE - FOR CREATING DISSENSION AMONG FOURTH DIVISION SOLDIERS. (COMMENT: THEY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN COUP ATTEMPT - SEE ADDIS 8108 AND ITS REFERENCES. END COMMENT.)

I. LT ALEMAYEHU NEGATU, M/SGT. LEGESSE WOYESSA, TADESSE GEBREYES, NEGASSA DISSASA - FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND INCITING REBELLION IN EASTERN SHOA PROVINCE.

J. SEKO SEMERE SETENA, ABDO AHMED, ABDULLA ALI, MULUGETA AFEWORK QUILTY OF "LOOTING" IN HE MERCATO IN ADDIS RECENTLY. THEY TOOK CLOTHES, JACKETS, SHOES AND EARRINGS FROM PRIVATE HOUSES (CF. ADDIS 9287).

K. ENGLISH LANGUAGE HERALD ALSO CARRIES NAME OF PVT. TEFAYE W/ TEKLE AS HAVING BEEN EXECUTED AND OMITTS THE NAME OF CAPTAIN BASHE (ABOVE) WHICH APPEARED IN AMHARIC PRESS.

4. COMMENT: NEITHER AMHARIC NOR ENGLISH PRESS MENTIONED TRIAL OR COURT MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS. WE DO HAVE ONE REPORT OF UNESTABLISHED RELIABILITY THAT EXECUTIONS FOLLOWED SUMMARY TRIALS BY COURT MARTIAL. THE DEATH PENALTY IMPOSED ON THE FOUR LOOTERS IS CLEARLY MEANT AS A DETERRENT TO FURTHER WOULD-BE LOOTERS. THIS LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE POLITICAL HOSTAGES FROM THE OLD ORDER NOW IN DETENTION.
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